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In re application of)
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) Art Unit
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Filed: April 20, 2001)
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Confirmation No.: 9802)
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For: DETERMINING MEAT QUALITY OF A LIVE ANIMAL)
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Examiner: Xiuqin Sun)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "B" AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "B" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

___ To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

___ Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

___ Set of _____ () sheets of drawings containing Figures _____ including the proposed amendments therein; and

___ A duplicate set of the _____ () sheets of drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

X To render the transmitted Amendment "B" and Response timely filed enclosed is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time.

X A Certificate of Express Mail Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.

___ No other additional fee is required.

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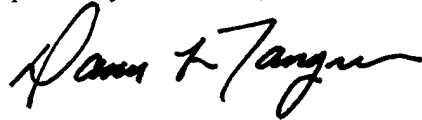
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Respectfully submitted,



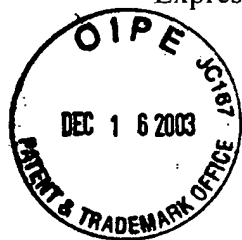
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 16, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application:

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